

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action of April 11, 2006 wherein three groups were identified and election of a single group was required. In response, Applicants provisionally elects group II, corresponding to a method of forming a tubing segment, classified in class 264, subclass 209.1. Claims 10-37 are readable upon the elected species.

The restriction requirement is traversed. The subject matter of the groups is closely related such that there is a necessary overlap of searching strategies and so examination of all claims, for which applicant has already paid in full, does not entail undue burden on the USPTO. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

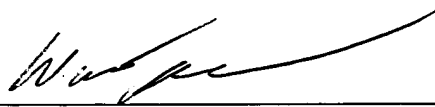
Claims 1-9 (Group I) and claims 38 - 42 (Group III) have been marked withdrawn without prejudice to the grounds for traverse presented herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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